

# Nov/Dec. Theater Grade 2 Art

Content Area: **Art**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **November**  
Length: **5-6 Weeks**  
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## Unit Overview

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Each year, grade 2 develops a Theatrical performance in the classroom. Art for the props and individual works of art based on the year's and class topic are developed for the performance. Themes change periodically at the 2nd grade teacher's discretion.

## Enduring Understandings

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Visual art is a major component of theatrical performance.

## Essential Questions

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How do we link visual art and performance together?

## Instructional Strategies & Learning Activities

Objectives	Suggested Activities	Evaluations	Resources
Assist the 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade classes with props and backdrops for their play	To be determined		

## Integration of Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills

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Students will explore the careers available in the theater while working on their play and scenery.

WRK.9.1.2.CAP

Career Awareness and Planning

WRK.9.1.2.CAP.1

Make a list of different types of jobs and describe the skills associated with each job.

TECH.9.4.2.CI

Creativity and Innovation

TECH.9.4.2.CI.1	Demonstrate openness to new ideas and perspectives (e.g., 1.1.2.CR1a, 2.1.2.EH.1, 6.1.2.CivicsCM.2).
TECH.9.4.2.CI.2	Demonstrate originality and inventiveness in work (e.g., 1.3A.2CR1a).
TECH.9.4.2.CT	Critical Thinking and Problem-solving
TECH.9.4.2.CT.3	Use a variety of types of thinking to solve problems (e.g., inductive, deductive).

## Technology and Design Integration

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There is no technology used in this unit.

## Interdisciplinary Connections

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LA.RL.2.1	Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
LA.SL.2.1	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.
LA.SL.2.1.B	Build on others' talk in conversations by linking their explicit comments to the remarks of others.
LA.SL.2.5	Use multimedia; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.

## Differentiation

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- Understand that gifted students, just like all students, come to school to learn and be challenged.
- Pre-assess your students. Find out their areas of strength as well as those areas you may need to address before students move on.
- Consider grouping gifted students together for at least part of the school day.
- Plan for differentiation. Consider pre-assessments, extension activities, and compacting the curriculum.
- Use phrases like "You've shown you don't need more practice" or "You need more practice" instead of words like "qualify" or "eligible" when referring to extension work.
- Encourage high-ability students to take on challenges. Because they're often used to getting good grades, gifted students may be risk averse.
- **Definitions of Differentiation Components:**
  - Content – the specific information that is to be taught in the lesson/unit/course of instruction.
  - Process – how the student will acquire the content information.
  - Product – how the student will demonstrate understanding of the content.
  - Learning Environment – the environment where learning is taking place including physical location and/or student grouping

### **Differentiation occurring in this unit:**

Students will be encouraged to improve and challenge their art skills as they proceed.

Simpler instructions and tasks will be assigned for struggling students.

For Gifted:

Encourage students to explore concepts in depth and encourage independent studies or investigations. Use thematic instruction to connect learning across the curriculum. Encourage creative expression and thinking by allowing students to choose how to approach a problem or assignment. Expand students' time for free reading. Invite students to explore different points of view on a topic of study and compare the two. Provide learning centers where students are in charge of their learning. Brainstorm with gifted children on what types of projects they would like to explore to extend what they're learning in the classroom. Determine where students' interests lie and capitalize on their inquisitiveness. Refrain from having them complete more work in the same manner. Employ differentiated curriculum to keep interest high. Avoid drill and practice activities. Ask students' higher level questions that require students to look into causes, experiences, and facts to draw a conclusion or make connections to other areas of learning. If possible, compact curriculum to allow gifted students to move more quickly through the material. Encourage students to make transformations- use a common task or item in a different way. From <http://www.bsu.edu/web/lshasky/Forms/Interventions/Gifted.pdf>

## **Modifications & Accommodations**

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In addition to the differentiation above, individual IEP's and 504's will be accommodated.

Refer to QSAC EXCEL SMALL SPED ACCOMMODATIONS spreadsheet in this discipline.

**Modifications and Accommodations used in this unit:**

## **Benchmark Assessments**

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**Benchmark Assessments** are given periodically (e.g., at the end of every quarter or as frequently as once per month) throughout a school year to establish baseline achievement data and measure progress toward a standard or set of academic standards and goals.

**Schoolwide Benchmark assessments:**

Aimsweb benchmarks 3X a year

Linkit Benchmarks 3X a year

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**Additional Benchmarks used in this unit:**

Teacher observation and records to show growth over time in art skills.

## **Formative Assessments**

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Assessment allows both instructor and student to monitor progress towards achieving learning objectives, and can be approached in a variety of ways. **Formative assessment** refers to tools that identify misconceptions, struggles, and learning gaps along the way and assess how to close those gaps. It includes effective tools for helping to shape learning, and can even bolster students' abilities to take ownership of their learning when they understand that the goal is to improve learning, not apply final marks (Trumbull and Lash, 2013). It can include students assessing themselves, peers, or even the instructor, through writing, quizzes, conversation, and more. In short, formative assessment occurs throughout a class or course, and seeks to improve student achievement of learning objectives through approaches that can support specific student needs (Theal and Franklin, 2010, p. 151).

### **Formative Assessments used in this unit:**

Teacher observations during the process

Discussion

## **Summative Assessments**

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**summative assessments** evaluate student learning, knowledge, proficiency, or success at the conclusion of an instructional period, like a unit, course, or program. Summative assessments are almost always formally graded and often heavily weighted (though they do not need to be). Summative assessment can be used to great effect in conjunction and alignment with formative assessment, and instructors can consider a variety of ways to combine these approaches.

### **Summative assessments for this unit:**

Successful and timely completion of props for the play.

## **Instructional Materials**

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Materials vary from year to year. Book/play choices dictate material choice.

## **Standards**

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VA.K-2.1.5.2.Pr	Presenting
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Re	Responding
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Cr1	Generating and conceptualizing ideas.
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Cr2	Organizing and developing ideas.
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Pr4	Selecting, analyzing, and interpreting work.
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Pr5	Developing and refining techniques and models or steps needed to create products.
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Pr6	Conveying meaning through art.
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Re7	Perceiving and analyzing products.
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Cr1a	Engage in individual and collaborative exploration of materials and ideas through multiple approaches, from imaginative play to brainstorming, to solve art and design problems.
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Cr1b	Engage in individual and collaborative art making through observation and investigation of the world, and in response to personal interests and curiosity.
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Cr2a	Through experimentation, build skills and knowledge of materials and tools through various approaches to art making.
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Cr2b	Demonstrate safe procedures for using and cleaning art tools, equipment and studio spaces.
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Cr2c	Create art that represents natural and constructed environments. Identify and classify uses of everyday objects through drawings, diagrams, sculptures or other visual means including repurposing objects to make something new.
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Cr3a	Explain the process of making art, using art vocabulary. Discuss and reflect with peers about choices made while creating art.
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Pr4a	Select artwork for display, and explain why some work, objects and artifacts are valued over others. Categorize artwork based on a theme or concept for an exhibit.
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Re7a	Identify works of art based on personal connections and experiences. Describe the aesthetic characteristics within both the natural and constructed world.
	Explore
	Investigate
	Reflect, Refine, Continue
	Select
	Share